

REMARKS

Claims 1–7 were previously pending in this application. The Examiner allowed Claims 5–7 but rejected Claims 1–4 in the March 4, 2004 Office Action.

The Applicant cancels Claims 1–4 in this Response.

The Applicant amends Claim 6.

The Applicant adds new Claims 8–30 as discussed below.

The Examiner allowed Claims 5–7 reciting inserts that form a channel with an upper portion and an offset lower portion in which the hooks of a lure rest under a barrier. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgment that these claims are allowable. The Applicant amends Claim 6 to provide a proper antecedent basis for the recited elements.

The Applicant adds new Claims 8–13 that depend from the allowed independent Claim 5. Each new claim is fully supported by the original disclosure.

The Applicant further adds new independent Claim 14 directed to a tackle container with inserts as originally disclosed in the specification. Independent Claim 14 recites the structure of the inserts that define a channel for holding a lure. Given the Examiner's previous acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in this application, the Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 14 also recites a patentable container that has been neither shown nor suggested by the cited art. Dependent claims 15–24 are likewise allowable.

The Applicant further adds independent Claim 25 reciting that each insert has two end walls, and each end wall has a pair of vertical rails. This independent claim, along with dependent Claims 26–30, recites subject matter that the Examiner has acknowledged to be allowable. Independent Claim 25 recites pairs of rails on the inserts that slide into pairs of slots on the sidewall. This claim provides an embodiment of the invention that eliminates the need for individually numbered rails and slots.

The Applicant respectfully asserts that the pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully requests the same.

In view of the foregoing, there are now 26 claims in the currently amended claim set. Accordingly, excess claims fee for six claims in the amount of \$108 is due pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.16(c). Further, the Applicants are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement along with this submission, for which fee in the amount of \$180 is due under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.17(p). Accordingly, Applicants enclose a check of \$288 towards payment of the above stated fees. If additional fees are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0332.

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